## **PATENT**

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: ERNST FUCHS

**ART UNIT: 3733** 

**SERIAL NO.: 10/519,772** 

**EXAMINER: ANNETTE R. REIMERS** 

FILED: DECEMBER 24, 2004

**CONFIRMATION NO.: 6953** 

TITLE: SURGICAL INSTRUMENT

## PETITION UNDER RULE 136(a) FOR A TWO-MONTH EXTENSION

Hon. Commissioner for Patents United States Patent and Trademark Office P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), for a two-month extension, until January 10, 2008, in which to file an *Amendment in Response to the*First Office Action, dated August 10, 2007, for the above-identified patent application.

The shortened statutory period for response expired on November 10, 2007. The requisite fee of \$230.00 (small entity) is being concurrently remitted via EFT.

Respectfully submitted,

**ERNST FUCHS** 

Edwin D. Schindler

Attorney for Applicant

Reg. No. 31,459

## PTO Customer No. 60333

Five Hirsch Avenue P. O. Box 966 Coram, New York 11727-0966

(631)474-5373

January 8, 2008